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1. There can be little doubt from the large number of officers in the present paramilitary establishment that the organization is intended as a cadre capable of swift and efficient expansion. Were the present staff efficient and were uniform and equipment available, there is little doubt that a draft of 300,000 men could be trained for battle in three months.
2. All signs point to wide-spread inefficiency, however, particularly amongst the new officers, and serious difficulties are being encountered in providing uniforms and equipment for the force at its present strength. There is no indication that stocks of uniforms and equipment are being built up or held in anticipation of a large-scale expansion. Therefore, the force as it stands is probably neither capable of nor prepared for any major expansion.
3. for practical purposes full employment exists in the Russian Zone. No great increase in the paramilitary services could be indulged in without disrupting the current five-year plan.

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